

NOTES ON EDUCATION

The authorities of France have taken up the question of the health of school children. A commission on the subject was appointed some time ago, and its report is now before the Minister of Education. In it there are some remarks about cleanliness that were to be expected as a matter of course, and some conclusions about costume that are rather surprising. It seems that French children generally, and especially the children of the very poor, are dressed much too warmly. In the school-rooms they wear nearly all the outer garments and wraps which they wear out of doors. The report recommends the abolition by law of this senseless custom, and the substitution of a light headress for girls instead of the heavy and cumbersome bonnets which they wear. The report closes by highly commending the English custom of allowing children to run about bare-legged and oftentimes bare-headed. It will shock many people to hear that in matters of dress the French are not the teachers of the world.

The Pennsylvania Military Academy, located at Chester, continues to maintain its high reputation for the thoroughness of its training and discipline. In speaking of it Colonel Theodore Hyatt, its president, said a few days ago: "The Academy has 150 students generally on duty. It takes only boarders, and is organized similarly to the West Point Military Academy in its military department. Our graduates are specially instructed in civil engineering. We have now one hundred cadets in that department. They are all trained to be engineers, and may join the army on receiving their appointments. Our system of instruction is similar to that of West Point, all classes being divided into small sections, so that each cadet is thoroughly drilled every day in each branch of study he is pursuing. That is the West Point method."

"The Pall Mall Gazette" thinks that it is an astonishing thing that "no real school of history—ancient as well as modern—should as yet exist at Oxford."

Dr. Isaac M. Wise, president of the Hebrew Union College, has just made his annual report to the Board of Governors of the college. The institution is in a flourishing condition. Among the suggestions in the report was one having reference to the Moses Montefiore Memorial Professorship. It was decided that the chair shall be that of Sacred Literature. The chair is to be filled by one of the most skilled scholars in the country, and the salary, building to be set apart for this professor shall be dedicated on the centennial birthday of the great philanthropist who has endowed the professorship. The proposition will come up for final execution at the next meeting of the Board.

At a recent meeting of the International Conference on Education in London, Earl Fortescue read an interesting paper on the necessity of teaching agriculture.

A very large part of England, he said, was still unquestionably occupied by renting farmers; the question, therefore, of agricultural teaching was of considerable importance. The education of young farmers need not begin before the age of eleven or twelve. They would, of course, go to elementary schools.

Mr. BREADLEY will be at home mornings from 9 to 12 after September 1. Communications addressed as above will reach him. The address is 100 Madison Avenue.

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